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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41 and Title 49, relative to providing computers for certain students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) The department of education shall establish a program for upgrading discarded computers and providing those computers to public schools for use by students in public schools.

(b) The department of education shall develop a program for receiving donations from private entities and public agencies of computers intended for discard or disposal. The commissioner of education shall develop by rule a procedure for accepting donations to the state for the purposes of this program. The governor shall approve such procedure and such procedure shall satisfy the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-1-101.

(c) The program shall provide for the upgrading, repair and refurbishment of those computers for which such reconditioning is appropriate subject to available resources. The computers shall be reconditioned in order to provide students in public

schools with computers in instructional and other contexts. In appropriate contexts, at home or after regular instructional hours, use will be encouraged. In an interagency agreement with the department of correction, the commissioner of education may secure the services of inmates at correctional facilities to perform the reconditioning of the computers if such services would be appropriate and beneficial to the program. Computer parts, tools and other necessary items may be purchased by the state or received as a donation.

(d) In consultation with the state board of education, the commissioner of education shall determine the number of computers to be upgraded each year to provide students in need of a computer with a computer. Subject to the availability of funding and other resources, the commissioner will strive to provide upgraded computers as needed in all schools in the state by August 1, 2005.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of education is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.